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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN SFCP: TRAVEL OF DR. KAZIMIERZ PIETKIEWICZ

REF: STATE 159176; WARSAW 3893

1. AFTER BEING NOTIFIED ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF STATE 159176, DR. PIETKIEWICZ INQUIRED AGAIN ABOUT CURRENCY CONVERSION POSSIBILITIES AND WAS TURNED DOWN. THE SITUATION REPORTED PREVIOUSLY IN WARSAW 3893 STILL APPLIES AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL PERMIT NO ZLOTY-TO-DOLLAR CONVERSION UNTIL A FORMAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BETWEEN THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND THE SMITHSONIAN.

2. DR PIETKIEWICZ WAS DISCOURAGED AND STATED HE WAS READY TO DECLINE THE INVITATION UNTIL SOME OTHER OPPORTUNITY WHEN ENOUGH DOLLAR FUNDS TO COVER HIS PER DIEM EXPENSES COULD BE FOUND. HE APPRECIATED THE OFFER TO BRING ALONG AN INTERPRETER BUT FELT HE COULD GET ALONG WITH HELP FROM HIS COLLEAGUES UB THE MEETING. HE REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT THREE DAYS WAS TOO SHORT A TIME AND FELT TWELVE DAYS WOULD BE ADEQUATE IF THEY COULD BE FUNDED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE IMPOSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME OF EFFECTING THE
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DESIRED CURRENCY CONVERSION AND OF THE EMBARRASSING POSITION IN

WHICH THE EMBASSY FINDS ITSELF AS A RESULT, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SMITHSONIAN SHORTEN THE TRIP, IF NECESSARY, BUT URGENTLY FIND ENOUGH DOLLAR FUNDS TO COVER PER DIEM FOR DR. PIETKIEWICZ AT \$25 PER DAY. ANY OTHER OUTCOME WOULD HAVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE RESULTS IN THE EMERGING SMITHSONIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH POLISH MUSEUMS AND ON THE STILL-DEVELOPING CULTURAL COGNATES PROJECT.

4. A PRIORITY REPLY IS REQUESTED.
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